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Item No. 4

**Halifax Regional Council
November 17, 2009**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management

DATE: October 29, 2009

SUBJECT: **Status of Design & Construction Services 2009/10 Capital Budget**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 22, 2009 request for information on the status of Design & Construction Services Approved 2009/10 Capital Program with respect to available funding to complete the approved capital budget.

BACKGROUND

At the September 22, 2009 Halifax Regional Council Committee of the Whole Meeting, Councillor Walker requested information on the status of Design & Construction Services 2009/10 Capital Program with respect to available funding to complete the remainder of the approved projects.

DISCUSSION

The approved 2009/10 Design & Construction Services Capital Program provides funds to complete projects in the following categories. The budget amounts shown were approved by Council:

- Bridge Repairs and Renewals - Capital Account CRU01077 - \$2,325,000 (net)
- Curb Renewals - Capital Account CYU01076 - \$618,000 (gross)
- New Paving of HRM Owned Subdivision Streets - Capital Account CZU1080 - \$1,500,000 (gross)
- Main Artery Patching - Capital Account CRU01078 - \$1,300,000 (net)
- New Sidewalk - Capital Account CJU01083 - \$2,705,000 (gross)
- Other Road Related Works Design & Construction - Capital Account CRU01079 - \$775,000 (net)
- New Paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core Area - Capital Account CXU00585 - \$0 (net)
- Paving Renewal Program - Capital Account CYU01081 - \$6,060,000 (net)
- Resurfacing Program - Capital Account CZU01082 - \$13,190,000 (net)
- Sidewalk Renewals - Capital Account CKU01084 - \$2,412,000 (net)

The following summary provides a list of projects (and estimates) which have yet to be tendered, and the corresponding account balances as of November 5, 2009.

Bridge Repairs and Renewals - Capital Account CRU01077 - \$2,325,000	
Main List of Projects:	
*Ernst Mill Bridge Replacement, District 3	\$1,500,000
Level 2 Bridge Inspection	\$400,000
Robinson Bridge Replacement, District 2	\$500,000
Shopping List Projects (none)	
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$1,400,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$2,852,878.06

*Ernst Mills Bridge will receive funding from the recent approval of the federal stimulus package. HRM's share is estimated to be \$500,000.

Curb Renewals - Capital Account CYU01076 - \$618,000	
Main List of Projects:	
Boutilliers Lane (Waverley Rd to Boutilliers Grove), District 6	\$20,000
Shopping List Projects:	
Windmill Rd (Wyse Rd to Park Ave), District 5	\$25,000
Riverview Cres (Rockmanor to Civic # 32), District 21	\$50,000
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$95,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$90,205.05

New Paving of HRM Owned Subdivision Streets - Capital Account CZU01080 - \$1,500,000 (gross)	
All projects (main list and shopping list) tendered and awarded	
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$ 0
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$18,193.21

Main Artery Patching - Capital Account CRU01078 - \$1,300,000	
All main list projects tendered and awarded	
Shopping List Projects:	
Cole Harbour Rd (Ritcey Cres to Pacific Ave), District 3/4	\$30,000
Ross Rd (Trunk 7 to Little Salmon), District 3	\$30,000
Sackville Dr (Hamilton to Lakeview), District 19	\$40,000
Windsor St (Kempt to Connaught), District 11	\$30,000
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$130,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$15,454.18

New Sidewalk - Capital Account CJU01083 - \$2,705,000 (gross)	
Main List of Projects:	
Beaver Bank Rd (Danny Dr to Civic 1012), District 2	\$575,000
Hillcrest/Hillside (Sackville Dr. to Hillside Ave), District 20	\$205,000
Shopping List Projects:	
Walker Ave (Existing to Bus Terminal), District 20	\$100,000
Old Sackville Rd (First St to Civic 1060), District 19	\$400,000
Moirs Mill/ Bedford Hwy, District 21	\$350,000
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$1,630,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$704,718.74

Other Road Related Works Design & Construction - Capital Account CRU01079 - \$775,000	
Materials Testing	\$0
Retaining Walls	\$135,000
Guide Rails	\$200,000
Pavement Design Document	\$75,000
Required Funds:	\$410,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$866,464.86

Paving Renewal Program - Capital Account CYU01081 - \$6,060,000	
Main List of Projects:	
Hillcrest/Hillside Ave (Sackville Dr to Hillside Ave), District 20	\$340,000
Joffre St (Civic 86 to Tremont St) , District 5	\$275,000
Shopping List Projects:	
Jamieson Dr (Fall River Rd to Armanda Cres), District 2	\$350,000
Bissett Rd (Walking trail to Cow Bay Rd), District 8	\$600,000
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$1,565,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$431,619.55

Resurfacing Program - Capital Account CZU01082 - \$13,190,000	
Main List of Projects:	
Windsor St (Connaught to Maxwell), District 11	\$230,000
Trunk 7 (MacLaughlin to Riley), District 4	\$255,000
Shopping List Projects:	
Herring Cove Rd (Old Sambro Rd to Williams Lake), District 18	\$350,000
Herring Cove Rd (Williams Lake to Arthur), District 18	\$245,000
Trunk 3 (500m W Bayers to Lakeside Park), District 22	\$325,000
Gateway Rd (Lacewood to Bayview), District 16	\$500,000
Simmonds Road Turn Circle	\$145,000
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$2,050,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$653,217.11

Sidewalk Renewals - Capital Account CKU01084 - \$2,412,000	
Main List of Projects:	
Joffre St (Tremont to Civic 86), East, District 5	\$162,000
Trunk 7 (Riley to MacLaughlin), North/South, District 4	\$369,000
Shopping List Projects:	
Acadia St (Glebe to Albert), East, District 11	\$59,000
George Dauphinee Ave (Almon to Ralph Devlin), East, District 14	\$81,000
Preston St (Norwood to York), West, District 13	\$39,000
Tupper Grv (Prince Arthur to Armview Ave), North, District 13	\$112,000
Blink Bonnie Terr (Churchill to Macdonald), East, District 14	\$141,000
Lakeview Ave (Hillside to Crichton), South, District 5	\$231,000
Boland St (Cairn to Wyse), North, District 9	\$78,000
Required Funds (including shopping list projects):	\$1,272,000
Account Balance as of November 5, 2009:	\$943,197.43

The account balances will change as projects currently under construction are finalized and final payments calculated. It is anticipated balances will increase in some capital accounts, and as a result

it is estimated the following will be required in preparation of the 2010/11 Design & Construction Services Capital Budget.

Bridge Repairs and Renewals - sufficient funds are available to complete the 2009/10 program.

Curb Renewals - a shopping list item may need to be included in the 2010/11 Capital Budget.

New Paving of HRM Owned Subdivision Streets - sufficient funds were available to complete the 2009/10 program (main and shopping list).

Main Artery Patching - shopping list items will need to be included in the 2010/11 Capital Budget.

New Sidewalk -shopping list items will need to be included in the 2010/11 Capital Budget. (Note: An additional \$75,000 may need to be re-budgeted in the 2010/11 program to address the main list.)

Other Road Related Works Design & Construction - sufficient funds are available to complete the 2009/10 program.

New Paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core Area - sufficient funds were available to complete the 2009/10 program.

Paving Renewal Program - shopping list items will need to be included in the 2010/11 Capital Budget.

Resurfacing Program - shopping list items will need to be included in the 2010/11 Capital Budget.

Sidewalk Renewals - some of the shopping list items will need to be included in the 2010/11 Capital Budget.

Once all projects have been identified, staff will be in a position to confirm the above noted summary. As a note, it is not uncommon to budget for shopping list projects in the following year. The current budget is earmarked to complete projects that are identified on the main capital program list. If sufficient time and funding is available these monies will then be allocated to shopping list projects and tendered. If funding levels are insufficient, the shopping list projects will be carried forward to the main list in the subsequent capital budget program.

As a final note some projects were tendered through the 2009 winter months; others were tendered in the spring and summer. Staff reviewed the various tendered prices and concluded that in general terms unit prices were more favourable during the winter months than the summer months.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

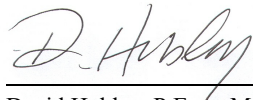
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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